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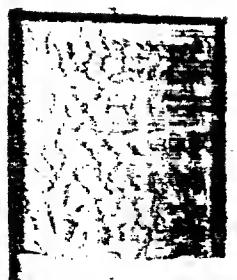
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Mr. William J. Casey, Director
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Washington, D. C. 20505

Dear Mr. Casey:

The School of Engineering and Applied Science at the University of Virginia is doing a study of the feasibility of televising graduate courses into the Northern Virginia area. I am writing to inform you of this possibility and to ascertain the interest of your organization in receiving such broadcasts.

First, let me describe how we envision the system:

1. Initial operation by January 1982.
2. Initial offerings will be in Computer Science and Electrical Engineering although other curricula will be added later if demand is sufficient.
3. Courses may be taken for credit towards a masters degree, or for professional development.
4. Actual classes being held at Virginia will be broadcast and received live. Students at remote locations will be able to ask questions by telephone. We believe that this will simulate the atmosphere of personal classroom attendance as much as possible.
5. We anticipate broadcasting classes on the hour from 8 to 5 Monday, Wednesday and Friday, and at 8:00, 9:30, 11:00, 12:30, 2:00, 3:30, and 5:00 on Tuesday and Thursday so that a rather wide offering of graduate courses as well as advanced undergraduate courses will be available. Consideration is being given to offering classes at later evening hours.
6. Participating companies will be able to tape broadcasts for later playback for review, or for employees that must miss class. These tapes could also be used to schedule the classes at a time more convenient for the organizations although the opportunity to ask questions would be lost.
7. Instructors and teaching assistants will make periodic visits to the organizations taking courses in order to have personal contact

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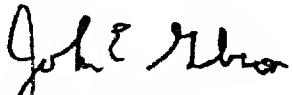
with the students. We anticipate 2 or 3 such visits per course. Students will also be invited to attend the regular class sessions in Charlottesville whenever possible.

Preliminary estimates indicate initial system cost in excess of \$500,000. This would include equipment and other costs for two studio classrooms in Charlottesville, and the microwave equipment to transmit to Northern Virginia. It does not include reception equipment at the individual organizations receiving the broadcasts. Since no state or other money is available to fund this television system, our intent is to obtain the capital for the initial investment by contracting with individual organizations for at least three years of service, with a portion of the money to be paid in advance to provide the initial capital.

It would be extremely useful to our planning effort if we could discuss with you or your representative your organization's possible interest in this program, and, if at all possible, the number of employees who might participate. Dr. George McAlpine of our Electrical Engineering Department will be in touch with you in the near future to make an appointment to see you. I hope that you will be willing to meet with him and give your organization's views.

We look forward to working with you on this exciting project.

Sincerely yours,


J. E. Gibson
Commonwealth Professor
and Dean

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